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MARINE FISHERIES INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operation Scheme is a hundred per cent Centrally sponsored scheme;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether the fishermen other than the below poverty line are also eligible to avail the benefits under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) and (b): The financial assistance provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post-Harvest Operation varies from 10% to 100% depending on the provisions of the various components of the scheme which are as follows.

1, Development of Marine Fisheries

(a) Motorisation of Traditional Craft

(b) Safety of Fishermen at Sea

(c) Fishermen Development Rebate on HSD Oil

(d) Introduction of Intermediate Craft of Improved Design including proto-type study of new intermediate vessel design.

(e) Establishment and operation of Vessel Monitoring System

(f) Promoting fuel efficient and environment friendly fishing practices

(g) Management of Marine Fisheries

2. Development of Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations

(i) Establishment of Fishing Harbours and Fish Landing Centres

(ii) Strengthening of Post Harvest Infrastructure

(iii) Assistance for maintenance dredging of fishing harbours and fish landing centres.

3. To take up innovative activities.

(c) and (d); Under the component on Fishermen Development Rebate on HSD, only the fishing vessels owned by fishers belonging to below poverty line category (BPL) are eligible to avail the admissible central subsidy. There is no such restriction in other components.